

contributions. Hopefully, CARPEX activities can be supported by a partnership of the CPC and other key federal departments. It is believed that a rather modest contribution from several partners can yield significant benefits for all. All the partners would, of course, have a say in how pertinent aspects of CARPEX activities are conducted. The role of CARPEX will be to provide information and advice, and not to interfere with the mandates of the line departments.

Other Considerations

The priorities of the Canadian Polar Commission are beyond the scope of this report, but some comments seem relevant. The CPC's mandate covers two distinct geographical areas: the Arctic and the Antarctic. Obviously, interests in the North far exceed those in the South, and the allocation of CPC resources reflects this. However, there are many agencies and groups engaged in promoting and developing knowledge of the Arctic (e.g., Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies; Arctic Institute of North America; Canadian Arctic Resources Committee; the Science Institutes of the Northwest Territories; and research groups in native organizations and in federal, provincial, and territorial agencies). All contribute to fulfilling the CPC's mandate. Furthermore, several members of the current CPC Board of Directors live in the North and thus have very detailed knowledge of the issues.

With respect to the Antarctic, the situation is quite different. The CPC is the only Canadian agency with a mandate to promote polar science in, and knowledge of, the south polar region. CARPEX and CARN are the only pools of individuals with firsthand experience in Antarctic science, with detailed knowledge of the southern continent, and with links to the international Antarctic network. The CPC relies heavily on this group, and its resource allocation to CARPEX ought to reflect this.

7. FUNDING OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Although a detailed discussion of fundraising may be premature until such time as the CARP has been more clearly defined, the following section outlines some avenues that may be explored.

From the outset, it is recognized that the CPC has a mandate to promote polar science, not to fund it; funding for research projects must be obtained from other sources. As suggested, the research activities may be considered under the following three broad categories. The source of funding will depend on the category.